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CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total consumption and production of different tobacco products in different States separately;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up special body to study the issue of removal of subsidies on tobacco cultivation and consumption and supply of tobacco products in the market; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a) : Tobacco products like Beedis, Gutkha and other chewing tobaccos are produced mainly for domestic consumption under Small Scale / unorganized sector. Data on production and consumption of these products is not available and would be collected and laid on the table of the House. However, production and sales of cigarettes for last three years are as under:-

Year	Quantity in Million Pieces Production	Sales
2005-06	108206	103262
2006-07	113835	108179
2007-08 (up to Sept.)	56200	54308

(b) & (c): Government is not extending any subsidies on tobacco cultivation and hence the issue of setting of a special body to study the issue of removal of subsidies does not arise.